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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON

REF: STATE 73912 (NOTAL)

1. COUNSELOR WALKER AND I MET WITH ZOLA HEAD OF ZAIRIAN DELEGATION TO PREPCON, EVENING APRIL 3 AND DELIVERED FRENCH TEXT KEY POINTS REFTEL. BEYOND REITERATING ZAIRIAN PLEASURE AT OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH US, ZOLA SAID LITTLE OF SUBSTANTIVE SIGNIFICANCE. HE HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT AND BISENGI-MANA WHO HAD STRESSED INTERDEPENDENCE THEME AND TOLD HIM ZAIRE'S OVERRIDING AIM WAS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HOW THIS IS TO BE DONE HAS NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT. ZOLA SAID PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S FINAL INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE SENT TO HIM IN PARIS SUNDAY; BUT POINT OF DEPARTURE IS "THAT ALL SIDES IN DISCUSSION SHOULD FIND THEIR INTERESTS PROTECTED IN FINAL OUTCOME." WE AGREED.

2. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT MAIN OBSTACLE TO SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE MIGHT BE EFFORTS BY SOME TO  
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ACCOMPLISH TOO MUCH. TO TRY TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING

IN OPEC SOLEMN DECLARATION COULD EASILY RESULT IN  
NOTHING BEING ACCOMPLISHED. ZOLA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD POINT.

3. COMMENT: WHY ZOLA WILL ONLY RECEIVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS  
SUNDAY IS INTERESTING QUESTION. IT MAY BE THAT MOBUTU  
IS HELPING US FULFILL OUR REPEATED PREDICTION THAT ZAIRIAN  
POSITION WOULD BE PUT TOGETHER AT LAST MOMENT BUT IT IS  
MORE LIKELY THAT INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE FUNCTION OF  
SECRET CONVERSATIONS BISENGIMANA IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING  
IN SPAIN WITH UNIDENTIFIED OIL PRODUCERS AND WHICH WE EXPECT WILL BE  
SUPPLEMENTED BY FINANCIAL TALKS IN PARIS WITH FRENCH  
GOVERNMENT. IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE ZAIRE'S VIEW WILL BE  
HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY WHOEVER PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.  
IF BEST WE CAN OFFER IS DISCUSSION OF COPPER AT 7TH UN  
SPECIAL SESSION, THEN CHARM AND PERSUASIVE POWERS OF  
ROBINSON AND ENDERS ARE GOING TO BE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT.  
ON OTHER HAND, HINT AT RIGHT TACTICAL MOMENT OF WILLINGNESS EXAMINE  
COPPER PRICE STABILITY SEPARATELY MIGHT EMPT ZAIRE BREAK AWAY FROM  
NON-ALLIGNED BANDWAGON, PARTICULARLY IF OIL PRODUCERS DO  
NOT COME UP WITH BIG MONEY FOR MOBUTU.

4. ZOLA GAVE US CHANGES IN MAKE-UP OF ZAIRIAN DELEGATION  
(SEE SEPTTEL). AND HE CONFIRMED HIS INTEREST IN MEETING WITH  
ROBINSON/ENDERS AROUND 1700 ON SATURDAY IN PARIS. GOOD LUCK.

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